



# DAVIS ALDERMAN 2ND DISTRICT

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## Dear Neighbor:

Let me first express my appreciation for your support during my term as your alderman. Throughout the year of 2006, the 2nd District experienced tremendous growth in home ownership combined with economic and business development. We have seen the development of the old Red Carpet property by Surface Transport Co. and the addition of new retail outlets at the Midtown Shopping Center. Although these are positive aspects of the district, crime, speeding, litter, nuisance properties and the retention of property values continue to be my major concerns.

My goal is to work with every resident in the 2nd District to create strong block clubs so that neighborhoods will have a meaningful voice in this city. Whether it's a drug house or an increase in garage or vehicle break-ins, we must work together to rid these elements from our community. House by house, block-by-block, and neighborhood-by-neighborhood, we must maintain the safe standards of our community. This is why I'm dedicating this newsletter to all of my partners who have contributed to this worthy initiative.

Together, we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Joe Davis, Sr.  
Alderman – 2nd District



## Try "E-Service" The Next Time You Have A Request



The city has a special "one-stop" spot to request services if you have a computer and Internet access. The online request form allows citizens to request a service without knowing which city department would provide the service.

Click on "E-Service Request" at [www.city.milwaukee.gov](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov) and your request will be sent automatically to the appropriate city department. Of course residents can always contact me by phone or letter with any concerns.

## Council Beats State-Imposed Tax "Freeze"

After weeks of hearings before the Common Council's budget-writing Finance and Personnel Committee, aldermen voted 14-1 on November 10, 2006 to adopt a 2007 city budget that requires a tax rate of \$7.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value – a level not seen since 1956.

"The Council listens carefully to budget proposals and carefully and dutifully weighs all matters of spending and city services, and this year's budget presented some very difficult decisions regarding public safety, infrastructure and library funding," said Ald. Davis, a member of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

"In the end I believe we made the right decisions to again hold the line on taxes and spending while maintaining the important and necessary city services to maintain our quality of life," he said.

The council has now adopted city budgets with flat or reduced tax rates in 17 of the last 18 years. The new city tax levy, with the lowest percentage tax levy increase of any of the taxing bodies that are included on city property tax bills, means the owner of a \$100,000 city home would see a \$76 decrease in the city portion of the tax bill, from \$875 to \$799. The budget was more than \$100,000 under the state-imposed property tax "freeze."

Some highlights of the budget:

- Restored firefighter staffing for three ladder companies.
- Rejected effort to impose \$20 fee for lost/stolen garbage carts.
- Added investigators to Fire & Police Commission to look into allegations of police misconduct.
- Maintained access to public library system.

## Committee Assignments

**CHAIR** • Community & Economic Development

**VICE CHAIR** • National League of Cities' Community

and Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee

**MEMBER** • Finance & Personnel Committee

• Steering & Rules Committee

• Board of Directors - Milwaukee Economic Development Corp.

# Block Watches Are The Success Of The 2nd District.....



# *Here Are My Partners!!*









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*Happy  
New Year!*



Ald. Davis welcomes 2nd District resident **Bishara Dorre, the reigning Miss Wisconsin Teen USA 2006** to the Common Council chamber where he presented her with a congratulatory resolution. Bishara is only the second African American in Wisconsin to hold the title. To win the Miss Wisconsin Teen USA title, Bishara, a student at Wauwatosa East High School, competed with 25 other young women. During her reign she is focusing on the issues of peer pressure, teen volunteerism and family literacy. **Congratulations from the 2nd District!**

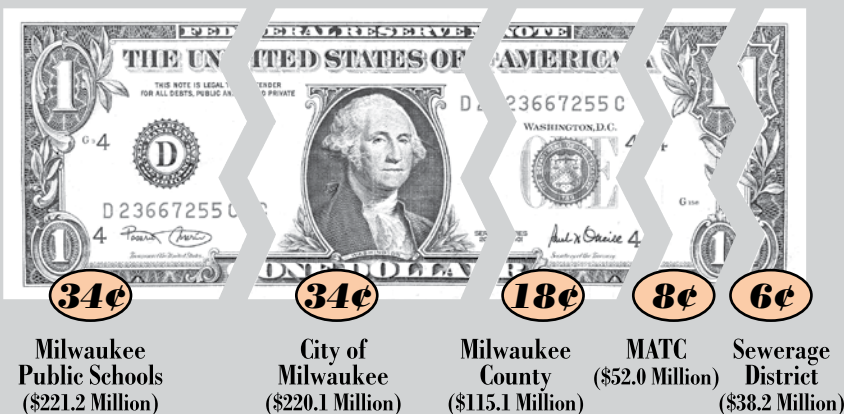


**Ald. Davis held an umbrella to protect young Eric Moore, son of the late Frank Moore II, shortly after a fall 2006 ceremony dedicating a street in the elder Moore's honor near J.L. Marcus.**

Mr. Moore, a longtime J.L. Marcus employee, was gunned down last summer when he went to investigate a burglary at his neighbor's home. Ald. Davis was the primary sponsor of the legislation that created the street renaming in Mr. Moore's honor, and he has pushed Police Chief Nan Hegerty and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office to explain a mix-up that allowed Mr. Moore's killer to go free when he should have been in jail for a previous crime.

## The City Of Milwaukee Is Only 34% Of Your Tax Dollar

*Your property taxes support five local governments\**



\* State of Wisconsin share is approximately one cent.  
Total may not add to \$1.00 due to rounding.

### Citywide Tax Levies

Levy by Unit of Government	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>3</sup>
(\$ IN MILLIONS)			
Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) <sup>4</sup>	\$213.8	\$221.2	+ 3.5%
City of Milwaukee	\$213.1	\$220.1	+ 3.3%
Milwaukee County (General Levy)	\$137.5	\$146.5	+ 6.5%
- County Sales Tax Credit	\$ -29.8	\$ -31.4	+ 5.4%
= Milwaukee County (Net Levy)	\$107.7	\$115.1	+ 6.9%
Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)	\$ 47.7	\$ 52.0	+ 9.0%
Sewerage District (MMSD)	\$ 36.0	\$ 38.2	+ 6.1%
State of Wisconsin	\$ 4.9	\$ 5.3	+ 8.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$623.2</b>	<b>\$651.9</b>	<b>+ 4.6%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Funds the 2006 Budget.

<sup>2</sup> Funds the 2007 Budget.

<sup>3</sup> Percent change on tax bill may differ due to a change in the assessed value of your property.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes school tax credit.